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BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

Members Present

Castro, Ben – Co. Paramedics Agencies Committee
Davis, M.D., Dan – UCSD/Mercy Air
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD
Dunford, M.D., Jim – City of San Diego
Geddes, Mike – S.D. Co. Paramedics' Association
Glasser, M.D., Judd – Tri-City
Grad, M.D., Michele – Palomar/Pomerado
Harley, M.D., Jim – Children's
Kramer, M.D., Mark – Sharp Memorial
Linnik, M.D., Bill – Sharp Grossmont
Morikado, M.D., Lisa – Scripps La Jolla
Schwartz, M.D., Brad – American Medical Response
Stonecipher, R.N., Joanne – Southwestern College
Zahller, M.D., Steve – Scripps Mercy

County Staff Present

Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Pate, R.N., Rebecca
Stepanski, Barbara

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

Guests Present

Anderson, R.N., Marilyn – Vista Fire
Barnes, R.N., Melanie – S.D. Med. Serv. Enterprise
Bourdon, R.N., Darlene – Scripps Mercy
Broyles, R.N., Linda – Scripps La Jolla
Buono, M.D., Colleen – UCSD/Palomar College
Cerrone, R.N., Sharon – Mercy Air
Eldridge, R.N., Leslie – Sharp Memorial
Graham, Dan – S.D. Co. Ambulance Association
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar
Kelly, R.N., Donna – UCSD ROC
Kremer, D.O., Arnold – Alvarado
Kusman, Travis – American Medical Response
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont
Miranda, Aaron – S.D. Co. Paramedics' Association
Nielsen, Michael – UCSD
Rainey, R.N., Susan – Tri-City
Ramanujam, M.D., Prasanthi – UCSD
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial
Seabloom, R.N., Lynne – Oceanside Fire
Shepherd, Matt – Naval Medical Center San Diego
Smith, R.N., Susan – San Diego Fire Rescue
Steen, R.N., Pam – Mercy Air
Workman, R.N., Debi – Palomar College

I. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judd Glasser, M.D., Chair, brought the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Jim Dunford, M.D., Seconded by Michele Grad, M.D., to approve the Minutes of January 16, 2007. MOTION carried.

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

Paradise Valley Hospital: The State Attorney General's Office will be making a decision by February 26, 2007 regarding the purchase of Paradise Valley by Dr. Prim Reddy. There are other local community individuals who also have demonstrated an interest in purchasing it.

Stemi Receiving Center: The Stemi Receiving Center system was activated on January 16th and is functioning well. Some minor issues have shown up such as over-triaging. Destinations for the patients are determined by the twelve-lead results. Paramedics in the field need to be re-freshed on information that was sent out in a letter from Dr. Haynes dated December 20, 2006 and the paramedics need to have Quality Improvement right at the time. The quality and results of the EKG needs to be reported to the base hospital right away; a double-check with the nurses would be helpful.

Brad Schwartz, M.D., American Medical Response, stated that he had discussed this issue with a colleague in Boston where they use electrode type stickers along with a tight Quality Improvement system where the paramedic gives the EKG results to the doctor, the doctor would tell he or she their interpretation, and then the medic is responsible for filling out a web-based survey on that EKG.

The American Heart Association is going to have a task force on STEMI regionalization in Los Angeles soon where Jim Dunford, M.D., will be chairing. Dr. Dunford could present an update at next month's BSPC meeting.

Infectious Disease Exposures: County EMS is conducting a survey from hospitals to make sure that a field provider gets follow-up from a disease exposure and is taken care of right away.

Flu Season: Hospital visits are lower than past years. Influenza isolates fell off last week.

Safety Net: The Health and Human Services Agency is convening a health care safety net roundtable and work groups to look at funding, advocacy, South County and care coordination issues. The Medical Society will be appointing some physicians members. Dr. Haynes and other senior EMS staff met with South Bay hospital representatives recently to discuss offload issues, among other things.

Recent Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) Disaster Operations Subcommittee Meeting: A recent EMCC subcommittee meeting with Chief Pete Lawrence, Oceanside Fire, resulted in a recommended change to language regarding how patients are distributed from the scene of an accident. This language will probably be inserted into the current Annex D document. The language that was agreed upon at the meeting is as follows:

“In a declared Annex D event, it is expected that all receiving hospitals will accept at least one immediate and one delayed patient. Incident Management personnel are authorized to transport up to one immediate and/or one delayed patient to each receiving facility upon initial base hospital contact. Any additional patients transported will be in accordance with bed counts from the base hospitals.”

IV. BASE HOSPITAL NURSE COORDINATOR’S REPORT (Linda Rosenberg R.N.)

Audits are continuing on Pediatric CPR, I.O.’s and Bradycardia and those reports will be brought back to BSPC when completed.

V. ROC UPDATE (Dan Davis, M.D.)

The Hypertonic Saline Study began in San Diego recently but no patients have been enrolled yet. Approximately twenty patients a month are anticipated. Data is also being contributed to the Epistry data base and data use agreements in place with the participating hospitals. The process is in place to stock all the non-City of San Diego units with fluids. The group went through its first data safety monitoring board inspection with ROC at the end of January and there were no problems identified. The San Diego ROC staff are attempting to recruit Orange County to participate in the Hypertonic Saline Study in lieu of the City of San Diego.

The first round of approvals have been completed on the Cardiac Arrest Study with no obstacles raised thus far. Everything is pending final approval by UCSD. The community consultations have been completed. There was media notice but only a handful of people attended the community meetings. The training is approximately half completed for the prehospital agencies in the Cardiac Arrest Trial.

VI. INTRAOSSEOUS LINES - (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

After reviewing the results from the pediatric intraosseous lines this past year, Dr. Haynes recommended not moving forward with the Intraosseous Lines for adults this year and also due to the fact that staff of County EMS have a multitude of projects going on at this time.

Dr. Dunford suggested at least allowing agencies to “pilot the project,” particularly an agency such as the City of San Diego who is not participating in ROC. According to an article in JEMS magazine, 60% of EMS communities perform I.O.’s. He added that the City of San Diego could do it as a pilot project as they are not involved in the ROC.

Dr. Schwartz added that approximately 30-35% of AMR medics across the country are using I.O.’s, and the numbers are increasing each year.

Dan Davis, M.D., made a MOTION that the County allow I.O.’s to be used by the agencies who can demonstrate appropriate training and quality assurance programs to maintain their skills of their providers, and that be subject to approval.

Dr. Dunford recommended including I.O.’s as an optional skill for agencies with the caveat to demonstrate training and quality assurance.

Amending his own MOTION, Dr. Davis added that the optional skill be added to the scope of practice by the agencies, based on assuming they can demonstrate to the

County or this body (BSPC), an appropriate training and quality assurance program. Dr. Dunford seconded it and the committee by consensus advised the MOTION to move forward. MOTION carried.

VII. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

ACTION: The following policies were approved with minor revisions: D-108, P-405 and P-408. P-405 will be reviewed further at the following PAC meeting.

VIII. PROTOCOLS FOR REVIEW

ACTION: The following protocols were approved with minor revisions: S-123, S-127, S-139, and S-163. Protocol S-143 will be reviewed further and brought back to another BSPC meeting.

**IX. HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THREATS (HACOT)
(Jim Dunford, M.D.)**

HACOT met in January. They talked about physician restrictions on Pandemic which was information that apparently came from the Center for Disease Control.

HACOT also discussed outreach to native American tribes coming up with alternative care sites for patients.

**X. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL
(Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)**

The next County-wide disaster drill is scheduled for March 8-9, 2007. The scenario will be an anthrax outbreak involving three million people being prophylaxed within seventy-two hours. The City Readiness Initiative program will be initiated and practiced during this drill as well as distribution of the Strategic National Stockpile pharmaceuticals. Through the HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) grant, funding has been made possible for the purchase of prophylaxis equipment. Many hospitals will also be testing their internal prophylaxis policies.

The Statement of Work for HRSA Year Five should be going out to hospital administrators shortly for review and signature.

XI. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Add to the agenda for next time, the use of Amiodarone and Lidocaine.

XII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2007, 11:00 a.m. at Sharp Spectrum Auditorium, 8695 Spectrum Center Court, Kearny Mesa, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary
County EMS